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PERMISSION TO FREIGHT TRAINS TO RUN WITH HIGHER AXLE LOADS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have allowed freight trains to run with higher axle loads endangering the safety of the rolling stock, bridges and tracks;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also true that allowing freight trains to run with higher axle loads had led to increase in the cases of spring failure, buffer coupler failures and wagon body damage; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in this regard to avoid such cases in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b) No, Sir. Railways have not allowed to run any higher axle load freight trains endangering safety. However, higher axle load wagons of 25 tonne have been permitted in limited circuits observing all safety requirements.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.